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In the application of  
  
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Serial No. 09/975,917  
  
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For: CONNECTOR AND METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURE

Examiner: ERIC K. NICHOLSON  
  
Group Art Unit 3679

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Petition For Extension Of Time was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop FEE Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicant's attorneys hereby request an extension of time, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), to allow the filing of Applicant's enclosed Amendment A to the subject application within the second month after the shortened statutory period.

A check in the amount of \$205.00 is submitted herewith to cover the fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2). In the event an additional fee is applicable for the filing of this document and the required fee is not enclosed or the fee submitted is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any excess respecting filing of this Petition for Extension of Time to file Amendment A to Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

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